

Executive Office

Jennifer M. Granholm Governor





On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer Al. Granholm, do hereby proclaim October 2006, as

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Whereas, Spanning centuries, cultures, and continents, domestic violence is a tragic epidemic that has plagued our society, having devastating effects on countless numbers of women and children; and,

Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Investigation's 2004 Uniform Crime Report indicates that of the 1,320 known intimate partner homicides in the U.S., approximately 76 percent were female victims; and,

Whereas, The 2004 report from the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center identifies 30 intimate partner homicides and 55,200 domestic violence offenses; and,

Whereas, Domestic violence is the intentional and patterned use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic coercion and abuse; and,

Whereas, The State of Michigan is committed to taking a firm position against domestic violence and will remain focused on ensuring that women and children are safe in their homes and abusers are held accountable for their crimes; and,

Whereas, Domestic Violence Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about domestic violence issues and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who are providing advocacy efforts, services, and assistance to domestic violence victims; and now therefore be it,

**Resolved**, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2006, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Michigan, and I encourage all citizens to join in the efforts to help bring an end to this serious problem.

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